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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Advisory Action is in response to the Amendment After Final filed 11/28/08. Claims 1-13 are currently pending in the application.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 11/28/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding Applicant's argument that Ala-Luukko et al. does not disclose a gateway receiving control information including rules or policies from a service control device, the Examiner respectfully disagrees. Ala-Luukko et al. discloses a service control point, SCP, sending an indicator, such as a number, to indicate a list in a gateway, GW, to define a type of message (See column 5 lines 5-8 of Ala-Luukko et al.). The indicator corresponds to the claimed control information including rules or policies because the indicator is received by the GW from the SCP and controls the gateway to process information of a corresponding message type as indicated by the indicator. Thus, the indicator comprises a rule used by the gateway to determine a message type, and to determine how to process information of the message type. Therefore, Ala-Luukko et al. does disclose a gateway receiving control information including rules or policies from a service control device, as claimed.

Regarding Applicant's argument that Ala-Luukko et al. does not disclose "a predetermined information process... based on the control information", as claimed, because a conversion does not teach or suggest a different process each time that different information is being converted, the Examiner respectfully disagrees. First, it is noted that there is currently no limitation in independent claims 1 or 12 regarding the process being different for each of the services, as argued by the Applicant. Even if such a limitation were included in the claim language, it is believed that Ala-Luukko et al. does disclose a different process for different message types, since messages of different types would be translated into different corresponding messages by the GW according to the indicator received by the GW from the SCP.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON E. MATTIS whose telephone number is (571)272-3154. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8AM-5:30PM.

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